



Congresswoman Gloria Negrete McLeod CA 35 Service Academy Nominations

BASIC FACT SHEET

COMMITMENT: An appointment to the U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, or U.S. Merchant Marine Academy is a distinct and rare honor. Acceptance of an academy appointment requires at least a nine-year service obligation, including four years at an academy and five years of active duty service.

EVALUATION CRITERIA: The academies consider evidence of character, scholarship, leadership, physical aptitude, medical fitness, personal goals, and motivation in performing each nominee's "whole person" evaluation. These are also the criteria I use to determine nominations.

CHARACTER: Absolutely critical in the course of evaluating a candidate is a positive determination of the candidate's character. Absence of good moral character is cause for disqualification. Candidates are considered to have good moral character unless evidence exists to suggest otherwise.

LEADERSHIP: Participation and achievement in organized athletics, student body and class government, clubs and class extracurricular activities, scouting, boys or girls state, and church or other community-related activities demonstrate evidence of leadership potential. Candidates who have found it necessary to work to provide family support are considered to have demonstrative desirable leadership potential.

MOTIVATION: Motivation is an intangible quality and difficult to evaluate; however, since it is most frequently the factor that determines the appointee's success or failure at a service academy. I make every effort to gauge a candidate's motivation. An attempt to measure motivation may be made through observation of the candidate's interest level in attending an academy and serving as an officer in the armed forces. Motivation may also be measured through the evaluation of correspondence, personal contacts, and care with which application materials are prepared.

PHYSICAL APTITUDE: Measuring strength, endurance, agility, and coordination, the academies' fitness tests are designed to determine each candidate's readiness to undertake the rigorous athletic and physical education program at one of the academies. Each academy has its own requirements. Results of the examination are evaluated, assigned a numerical score, and included in the whole-person evaluation by West Point. The Air Force, Naval, and Merchant Marine academies evaluate the results on a pass-or-fail basis.

MEDICAL FITNESS: A candidate who meets minimum scholastic standards will be scheduled to take a service academy qualifying medical examination at a military or civilian contact facility near the candidate's home. Although medical qualification standards vary among the academies, only one exam is required. Different test may be necessary, however, depending upon the academy. Scheduling and evaluation of the exam are arranged by the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DODMERB). Candidates who have questions about their medical exam results should direct them to:

DODMERB
8034 Edgerton Drive
Suite 132
USAF Academy, Colorado 80840-2200
(719) 333-3562

Medical scheduling and evaluation are time-consuming processes, especially if consultation, re-testing, or corrective action is required. The process may take from six weeks to four months.

APPLICANT EVALUATION BY SERVICE ACADEMIES:

Each academy uses a questionnaire to make an initial assessment of an applicant's potential for appointment. The results of this evaluation are provided by each academy to Members of Congress to assist them in screening their applicants. Be sure to complete a pre-candidate questionnaire for each academy in which you are interested.

Service academy websites are:

Military Academy	http://www.usma.edu
Naval Academy	http://www.usna.edu
Air Force Academy	http://www.usafa.edu
Merchant Marine Academy	http://www.usmma.edu

DEADLINE:

November 1, 2014 is the deadline to submit application to Congresswoman Gloria Negrete McLeod.

Mail your completed application packet to:

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